

homonymy between the myxomycete and molluscan names. Also, I am opposed to emending the spelling of TRICHIINAE Ložek, 1956 (Gastropoda) to TRICHIAINAE, which would be confusing. The priority of TROCHULINAE Lindholm, 1927 is therefore convenient and leads me to prefer the name *Trochulus* Alten, 1812 to *Trichia* Hartmann, 1840. If the molluscan *Trichia* were split into two separate genera for taxonomic reasons there could be no objection to learning a new generic name for some of the species. I do not see that the inconvenience will be much greater in learning a new generic name for all the species currently in *Trichia*.

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Comment on the proposed designation of *Buprestis nitida* Rossi, 1792 (currently *Anthaxia fulgurans* (Schrank, 1789)) as the type species of *Anthaxia* Eschscholtz, 1829 (Insecta, Coleoptera)

(Case 3118; see BZN 57: 97–99)

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I should like to support the application by Dr Bílý to designate the nominal species *Buprestis nitida* Rossi, 1792 (a synonym of *B. fulgurans* Schrank, 1789) as the type species of *Anthaxia* Eschscholtz, 1829. Dr Bílý's world catalogue of the genus (Bílý, 1997) is the authoritative source for the established concepts of *Anthaxia* and its subgenera, and acceptance of his application would be in the interests of stability. To follow any of the early type designations (see para. 2 of the application) would upset the modern definition of a very large genus in which relationships are only now becoming understood.

It is worth noting that besides *Anthaxia* there are other genus-group names in the BUPRESTIDAE which might be affected by type designations made by Duponchel (in d'Orbigny, 1842) or by Desmarest (in Chenu, 1860); such designations may have been overlooked, because no complete list of type species in this family has been published.

Comment on the proposed conservation of *Orsodacne* Latreille, 1802 (Insecta, Coleoptera) by the designation of *Chrysomela cerasi* Linnaeus, 1758 as the type species

(Case 3103; see BZN 57: 94–96)

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In his application Hans Silfverberg has presented a compelling case for setting aside the original type species fixation, by monotypy, of the genus *Orsodacne* Latreille, 1802.